

## Law is Still a Muddle.

F. J. Fearnside spent Tuesday in Jacksonville in attendance upon the meeting of the state democratic campaign committee, of which he is a member. The purpose of the meeting was to come to some agreement in the interpretation of the state primary election law, the which, it seems, is capable of many different interpretations. Mr. Fearnside and Mr. Palmer, of Orlando, were in the minority on several matters which came before the committee, but these gentlemen have the satisfaction of knowing that at least one of the things for which they contended was adopted, viz. the right of county executive committees to assess legislative candidates, a function which had been usurped by the state committee.

Mr. Fearnside and Mr. Palmer also contended that under the general election law which calls for the registration of voters 10 days before a general election, there could be no legal registration of voters for the primaries, but that all democrats who had paid their poll tax, and young men who have come of age since the last general election, and were democrats, should be allowed to vote. The majority of the committee, however, held that registration books could be legally opened on the 12th, 13th and 14th of June, and a resolution was passed giving definite instructions to voters and county committees that will establish uniform action in this regard.

The central committee of the county will now get together and under the guidance of rules established by the state campaign committee, will formulate rules for conduct of primaries in the county as the law and state committee directs, provided the county committee does not get muddled also.

When the county committee formulates its rules, the News will publish them.

Mr. Fearnside says there was some hot discussion at the meeting of the state committee and that it will be next to impossible for all the county committees of the state to come to a uniform understanding of the law.

## Closing Exercises.

The annual graduating exercises of the Putnam high school will take place in the opera house on Friday evening of next week, May 23d. The graduating class is composed of the following pupils: Claude St. Le Tingley, Harold Ernest Merryday, William Loomis Calhoun, Minnie Carolee Bucky and Edith Merrill. These young people it seems do not propose to call their graduation from high school studies the "finish of their education," but will all go on and up. Mr. Calhoun has already received his appointment to a cadetship in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, and will leave in a month or six weeks for a two months course in a training school at that place. He hopes to be able to pass the rigid mental and physical examinations required of naval cadets and enter the academy in September.

The other members of the class have been awarded scholarships in state colleges—two in Stetson University and two in Rollins College, Winter Park. Claude St. Le Tingley and Harold Ernest Merryday will go to the former, and the young ladies have each received scholarships in the last mentioned college.

It is not often that all members of the graduating class of a Florida high school are provided with such excellent opportunities for obtaining a higher education, and it is not likely that honorary scholarships could be more worthily bestowed or generally appreciated.

## Executive Committee Meeting.

The executive committee of the democracy met at the court house last Saturday morning pursuant to a call of the chairman, Joseph Price. After the members had assembled the question that agitated them was, "What are we here for?" The new primary election law leaves little for the county committee to do in the matter of formulating rules, these being now a question of state law. All the county committee can do is to shape its rules to conform to the state and congressional committee rules, and as these have not yet been fully interpreted, the meeting could do no more than leave the matter of rules to its central committee with instructions to work in harmony with the state committee.

The meeting was very generally attended by the members, and after adjournment many went over to San Mateo to indulge in the gaieties of a village dance and fish fry.

## Death of a Child.

Rose Elizabeth, 15 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Slaughter of this city, died on Tuesday after a few days' illness. The funeral was conducted by Father John O'Brien on Wednesday morning, and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter came here from Sisco, this county, some three months ago, and Mr. Slaughter is in the employ of the Wilson Cypress Company. Their hearts are well-nigh broken over the loss of their little one, a sweet and promising child, and the light and joy of their home. They desire, through the News, to express their heartfelt thanks to those of their friends and neighbors who have given sympathy and help in the hour of their deep affliction.

## Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the W. A. man's fortnightly club was held Friday afternoon, May 9, when the reports for the year were read and the election of officers took place. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Sarah Harp Adams; First vice Pres. Theodore T. Haughton; Second, Kitty North Cochran; Recording Sec., Anna B. Hafer; Corresponding Katherine K. Burt; Treasurer, Gretchen Merriam.

After the transaction of all business, a social tea was given. The club then adjourned until October 3, 1902.

Press Reporter.

## Better Today.

Mr. M. J. Murphy, the well-known liquor dealer, has been critically ill during the past several days. On Tuesday his condition was so serious that Drs. Cyrus and Welch, his physicians, summoned in consultation Dr. Jenkins of this place and Dr. Soliace Mitchell of Jacksonville. These physicians have been closely watching his case. On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Murphy showed an improvement and during the night rested well. This morning he is much better and his physicians entertain hopes of his speedy recovery.

## Presbyterian Picnic.

The Sunday school of the Palatka Presbyterian church will indulge in a picnic at Stevens Point next Saturday, May 17th. The steamer La-Rex will leave Adams wharf at 8 a. m. and make a second trip at 9 a. m. For those not members of the school the fare will be 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults.

## New Doctors.

The medical examining board of the fifth district, composed of Drs. J. F. McKinstry, Sr. of Gainesville, S. H. Birch, of Ocala, and Geo. E. Welch of Palatka, were in session in this city yesterday. The board spent the day in examining some new doctors.

## Base Ball To-Morrow.

There will be a match game of ball to-morrow (Friday) afternoon at the ball park between the Juniors of Crescent City and the Junior local team. Good game may be expected.

## City Happenings and Personal Mention.

H. B. Hall, a resident of Miami, spent Sunday in town.

T. B. Anderson visited his family in this city Monday.

Johnie Fisher, of Jacksonville, spent Wednesday in town.

F. C. Cochran made a business trip to Hastings Wednesday.

C. Crandall, of Macon, has been in the city several days this week.

C. C. Gresham, of Hastings, was noted among the visitors in town last Saturday.

Miss Mamie Simpson of Crescent City visited friends here several days last week.

J. D. Williams, a commission man of Golden, Ill., made the city a business visit Saturday.

Mrs. Owens, of Satsuma Heights, was among the visitors who spent Thursday in the city.

Samuel Talbot has returned to the city from Columbus, Ga., after a few weeks' visit with home folks.

Clarence Meyer expects to leave this week for Charleston, where he intends to do the Exposition.

Robert Meyer of Savannah has been in the city the past several days on a visit to L. D. Nettles.

Mr. Frizzell, a prominent citizen and extensive real estate owner of Miami, visited Palatka Monday.

Jos. Manney, of St. Augustine, who is a property owner in Palatka, was in town Saturday on business.

E. Catlin, an industrious and prosperous citizen of Bostwick, was a business visitor here Wednesday morning.

Jake Harrison is again in town, occupying his former position at the works of the Palatka Iron and Brass Foundry.

Jake Meyers, the candy maker for L. A. Smith, is visiting his old home in Cincinnati, where he will remain two weeks.

R. C. Galloway, one of Welaka's prosperous citizens, was a visitor in the city Saturday attending to matters of business.

P. D. Watkins, a prominent and progressive young business man of Putnam Hall, was a visitor in the city on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Larive left Wednesday for New Haven, Conn., at which place Mr. Larive will engage in business.

An addition is being built to the confectionery conducted by Mrs. C. H. Wigg, at the corner of Lemon and Fourth streets.

I. M. Meyer after an illness of some three weeks is again able to attend to business and greet customers with his old time cordiality.

Capt. and Mrs. H. C. Loomis celebrated the 47th anniversary of their marriage Monday the 12, at their home on Laurel street.

A. L. Rogers, an employee of the East Coast Ry., spent a few days in the city this week, on business and pleasure sort mixed.

The three-masted schooner Lizzie H. Partrick, from Philadelphia, is in port unloading a cargo of merchandise at the Merryday wharf.

Julian Melzer, of Fruitland, arrived in the city last week, and has accepted a position with Chris. Stan- ton as foreman in the foundry.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kupperbusch and the young ladies are here for a month, and are occupying their pleasant home on Third street.

J. H. Phillips, of Tampa, division manager for the Spencer Medicine Company, Chattanooga, Tenn., was in Palatka several days last week.

Miss Emmeline Livingston left for her home in Georgia via steamer Crescent Friday morning, after a pleasant visit of a week with relatives in this city.

St. J. Tuttle, for some time past the popular operator for the Plant System at the union depot, expects to leave shortly for his home in Charleston, S. C.

Robert James left Monday morning for Cincinnati, O., to be gone several weeks on a pleasure trip. During his absence Chas. Kupperbusch will be in charge of the European cafe.

Sheriff Howell on Tuesday morning arrested a negro named Ed Medlock, wanted in Volusia county for assault and attempt to murder. The prisoner was held for Volusia authorities who came for him yesterday.

The ice cream festival, dance, etc., given last Friday night at Peniel, was a pronounced success both socially and financially. Palatka was represented by about 14 couples, all of whom say they had a pleasant evening.

J. Henry Loomis has returned home from Tampa at which place he has been for some months past in the employ of the Tampa Foundry and Machine Works. Mr. Loomis has assumed charge of R. H. Hanley's foundry in this city.

Quite an aggregation of young people from the city attended the dance at San Mateo last Saturday night, and all report a splendid time. The party left here at 8 o'clock Saturday evening on the Wampus, returning sometime after midnight.

Rev. F. S. Hubert, pastor of the First Baptist church, Lake City, and state manager of the Southern Lye-cum Bureau, Louisville, is in the city arranging for a course of high-class attractions to be given in Palatka during the coming fall and winter.

Martin Griffin states that the dry weather is causing the young fruit to drop from his orange trees. Mr. Griffin's grove, however, will probably have a heavy crop the coming fall. It bloomed profusely, and can afford to drop a considerable without injury.

Children's Day was befittingly observed at the Interden M. E. church last Sunday evening by appropriate exercises. The program of music and recitation was well rendered and reflected much credit upon those taking part. Mrs. DeVal, of Fitzgerald, Ga., presided at the organ.

It was intimated on the street Saturday morning that several of the young men who attended the dance at Peniel Friday night were fit subjects for a temperance society or the Keeley cure. This is a wrong impression and the News is requested to deny the rumor as false and wholly unfounded.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gage, and their charming daughter Miss Cora Belle, who have spent the winter very pleasantly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lane, will terminate their visit in this city Friday, on which day they expect to leave for Meridian, Miss., for short a stay before going to their home in Augusta, Ga.

Shelton Slater, colored, was before Judge Cox Wednesday morning, charged with assault and an attempt to murder his wife. Shelton lives near Grandin. The court bound him over to the circuit court in the sum of \$500, and for the time being his wife can go about her business feeling safe from further assaults for Shelton is in jail.

L. A. Hurlbut of Crescent City was in the city Monday on legal business. Mr. Hurlbut is one of the pioneer residents of the little peninsula town, where he has some 35 acres of orange grove under cultivation, with promising prospects. He is also the justice of the peace for that district. Mr. Hurlbut is likewise a member of the Putnam county bar.

The Gem City Guards held their regular monthly business meeting in the armory last Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, Capt. J. D. Points in the chair. Minutes of previous meetings read and accepted; several bills received and ordered paid. Five applications for membership were received and acted upon. There being no other business meeting adjourned.

The ladies of the Catholic church will give an entertainment at the armory tomorrow (Friday) night, and our citizens should give them a liberal patronage and crown their efforts with a rousing success. A cakewalk by the very best talent in the city will be a feature of the evening. Refreshments will also be for sale. Take your wife, your best girl; if you have neither, then go by yourself.

T. E. M. Lawson of London, England, has arrived in the city. Mr. Lawson has been sent here by the English owners of the Monkridge Manufacturing Company to assist Mr. A. N. Medd, the local superintendent. Mr. Lawson states that this is his first visit to America, and that while he sees many things which appear strange, he comes prepared to like the country, and that so far he has not found it difficult.

The exhibition of moving pictures at the armory last night was not a paying venture, but those present passed a pleasant evening. Prof. Hendry gave a very good exhibition. Dancing was also indulged in.

An alarm of fire was given from ward 5 at 7 o'clock this morning. A small blaze on the roof of a shanty near the base ball park was the cause of the excitement. No damage.

Some of the finest specimens of Irish potatoes we have ever yet had the privilege of seeing were grown at Hastings by Mr. Wm. Thigpen. Several of the tubers were brought to the city last week by Silas Smith and three of them weighed 3 pounds and 3 ounces, and one of the number tipped the scales at 1 1/4 pounds. Mr. Thigpen had in 8 acres and the yield averaged 82 barrels to the acre, for which he received the handsome price of \$5.00 per barrel.

Jno. J. Smith a former Palatka, and for many years associated with Mr. T. H. Kesting, was in the city this week. Mr. Smith has but lately returned from a trip to the Pacific coast—California, Oregon, Washington—whither he went with a view to engaging in business. But he didn't like that country; he'd been too long in Florida to put up with a less congenial climate, so he came back. He expects to engage in business in Jacksonville shortly.

The bond trustees will have something to do this summer before the actual work of improvement begins. There will be the engineering work to do, the advertising for bids for work, and the awarding of contracts. These preliminaries are going to occupy time, and even they will not be commenced until the bonds have been delivered and the cash placed to the credit of the city. The board will have all it can do to begin the real work of improvement before fall.

Theodore White, a nice appearing young white man about 22 years old who has been working for the Monkridge Manufacturing Co., for some time past, went on a rampage last Saturday and was proceeding to do things up to his own satisfaction when arrested by officer Sanford and placed safely in the city jail. When searched a pair of brass knuckles was found on young White, together with several open knives. Late Saturday evening he was released on a \$10 bond for his appearance before the municipal court. Monday morning the case was called and White failed to show up and the bond was forfeited.

Sam H. Hafer, son of F. H. Hafer, the well-known real estate agent in this city, who is now quarter master sergeant in the Twenty-seventh U. S. infantry in the Philippine service, was in the recent engagement which resulted in the storming and capture of an insurgent fort by his regiment under command of Col. Baldwin. Mr. Hafer is in company M. of this regiment and that his company was in the thick of the fight can be believed when it is known that both his captain and first lieutenant were among the killed. Mr. F. H. Hafer believes that his son is all right, or he would have heard to the contrary by this time.

The Clyde River Line steamer City of Jacksonville will make its final run of the season on the 19th inst., after which date it will be taken to Boston for its usual summer run. It is understood that the Clydes have secured the side-wheel steamer Louisiana for the St. Johns river run this summer, and that that boat will go into commission in a few days, making three trips each week under the command of Capt. Brock. The Louisiana is said to be a thorough modern boat with fine cabin accommodations, electric lights, etc. It was formerly owned by Pierre Lorillard and used by him as a house boat, as such being destroyed in the upper parts by fire some years ago on the east coast. The hull was afterwards bought by the Morrill and Stevens Co., and by this company rebuilt and fitted into a first-class side-wheel steamer.

## HUNTINGTON LETTER.

Editor PALATKA NEWS:

The dry weather continues; if we do not soon have rains our crops will suffer. Already the fruit is dropping and the corn looking yellow.

The mill runs merrily on.

There was no service at All Saints church the first Sunday, as the lay reader, Dr. Walker, was indisposed.

We were all shocked by the sad news of the death of Mrs. Wheeler. (Mrs. Nelson's mother.) These ladies passed the winter here at the hotel, and even the affection and esteem of all who were so fortunate as to make their acquaintance. Mrs. Wheeler had scarcely reached her home in Utica, N. Y., when she took a severe cold which resulted in pneumonia, her death following in a few days.

Mr. Cathernord, the courteous auditor of the Plant System, likes Huntington very much. He stops off at our station quite frequently, and we are always glad to see him.

Mr. A. J. Smith has had the misfortune to lose his horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are going to the coast soon for a few weeks, before starting north for the summer.

Mr. Pine has been very successful in raising small crops of Irish potatoes, having a good yield of large tubers of fine quality.

SCALDING RHEUMATISM CURED AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS OF SUFFERING. "I have been afflicted with scalding rheumatism for fourteen years," says Josh Ezlar, of Germantown, Cal. "I was able to be around but constantly suffered. I tried everything I could hear of and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured, and I am happy to say it has not since returned." Why not use this liniment and get well? For sale at Ackerman & Stewart, druggists.

## For the Legislature.

The announcement of J. M. Chesnut, Sr., of Hollister, as a candidate for the legislature appears in this issue. Mr. Chesnut writes that he is the foe of the dispendary and that if elected he will work and vote against that measure. He is an old and respected citizen having lived in the county since 1856, and is too well known to need introduction to the people of Putnam Co. His present home is at Hollister.

## WHOOPING COUGH.

A woman who has had experience with this disease, tells how to prevent any dangerous consequences from it. She says: Our three children took whooping cough last summer, our baby boy being only three months old, and owing to giving them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, they lost none of their plumpness and came out in much better health than other children whose parents did not use this remedy. Our oldest little girl would call lustily for cough syrup between whoops.—JESSIE PINKNEY HALL, Greenville, Ala. This remedy is for sale by Ackerman & Stewart, druggists.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PUTNAM NATIONAL BANK, PALATKA, FLA. At Palatka, in the State of Florida, at the close of business, Apr. 30, 1902.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$74,983.50
U. S. Bonds, secured and unsecured	2,311.24
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	3,500.00
Banking houses, furniture and fixtures	1,600.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	11,672.92
Due from State Banks and Bankers	7,092.51
Due from approved reserve agents	340.40
Internal Revenue Stamps	298.65
Checks and other cash items	313.00
Notes of other National Banks	20.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	147.27
LAKE & MOUNT RESERVE IN BANK, VICE SPECIE	\$750.25
Legal tender notes	400.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (1/2 per cent of circulation)	625.00
TOTAL	\$104,274.36
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	8,776.66
National bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Individual deposits subject to check	86,427.70
Demand certificates of deposit	560.00
TOTAL	\$104,274.36

State of Florida, County of Putnam: I, T. B. Merrill, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. T. B. MERRILL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, 1902. HENRY STRICK, Notary Public.

Correct Attest: GEO. E. WELCH, J. C. VERTREES, MARTIN GRIFFIN, Directors.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that W. H. Mann, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 348, dated the 4th day of July, A. D. 1898, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam County, Florida, to wit:

S. 1/2 of N. E. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4, and S. 1/2 of N. W. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4, Section 11, Township 10, Range 24—11 acres.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of said certificate in the name of Ida Pickering. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1902.

Witness my official signature and seal this 14th day of May, A. D. 1902. [Seal] JOSEPH PRICE, Clerk Ct. Cl. of Putnam County, Florida.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.

No. 359, dated the 4th day of July, A. D. 1898, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam County, Florida, to wit:

W. 1/2 of Block 5, Mannville, Section 14, Township 10, Range 24.

Said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of said certificate in the name of Mrs. M. King. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1902.

Witness my official signature and seal this 14th day of May, A. D. 1902. [Seal] JOSEPH PRICE, Clerk Circuit Court, Putnam Co., Florida.

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